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Subject Re: These congressional requests just keep on coming. Due date
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Here is the funding memo I prepared for VB/170



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Vasquez Blvd/I 70 Superfund Site
OU-1 Residential Soils
City and County of Denver, Colorado
Alternative Funding Strategies
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Cleanup Strategy

The cleanup strategy for Operable Unit 1 of the Vasquez Blvd/I 70 Superfund Site is to remove residential soils contaminated with lead and arsenic from this low income environmental justice community. This will be accomplished by removal and replacement of 12 inches of soil from the residential properties which the cleanup standard of 400 ppm for lead or 70 ppm for arsenic is exceeded. Approximately 850 properties will require remediation. In addition to soil removal, a community health program will be implemented during the duration of the soil clean up. The community health program will provide health education to raise awareness to reduce lead and arsenic exposure, a testing program to identify those children elevated levels of arsenic and lead, and provide a response/referral program to address the sources of exposure to an individual child.

Funding Alternatives

Three alternatives for funding are provided in the table below. The represents the region's request which would complete this project in 3 years. The second and third alternative extend the life of the project to 4 and 5 years, respectively.

Funding Alternatives	FY 04	FY 05	FY 06	FY 07	FY 08	Total
1. Regional Request	10.0	10.0	6.3			26.3
2. Reduced Funding	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7		26.8
3. Minimum Funding	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.4	27.4

* Costs in millions of dollars.

The following effects would be realized if the schedule for this project is extended:

- Increased media and political attention to Superfund funding problems. Representative Diana Degette and Senator Wayne Allard have been closely following the progress of this project. Their representatives have attended all public meetings and technical working group meetings. Representative Degette attended and spoke at the ground breaking ceremony for the start of the residential cleanup, where she supported completing this project within 3 years. Progress at this project is monitored and reported on by all Denver television stations and newspapers .
- Continued exposure of children to lead and arsenic in soils in residential areas of this low- income Environmental Justice community. Community leaders are well organized and able to get their message out to media and politicians.
- Additional contractor costs for mobilization, approximately \$50,000, annually.

Additional cost of approximately \$500,000, annually, to conduct the Community Health Program. The Community Health Program is to continue through the end of construction.